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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT  
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER  
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,  
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 11, 2022 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Meyer called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** President Meyer and Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Clerk Janett McCawley, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Chief Terry Lemming and Code Enforcement Officer David Harrison.

**GUESTS:** None.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular Board meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, due to a duplicated section in the minutes provided to the Board. Trustee Tieri seconded.

**AYES:** (5) Trustees Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

**NAYS:** (0) None.

**ABSTAIN:** (1) Trustee Kypuros.

Motion carried.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Special Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Gianotti seconded.

**AYES:** (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

**NAYS:** (0) None.

Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

None.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

A report was provided of income received in September, 2022. The Clerk also read aloud a thank you letter from the Village of Peotone for Public Works help in cleanup after a storm in August.

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS**

Superintendent Conner provided a Beautification Commission report. All hanging baskets, ground flowers and flags have been removed for the year.

Trustee Gianotti provided a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission report. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission will be helping out with the tree lighting ceremony with food, etc.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. October 1<sup>st</sup> Fall into Fun event went really well. There were over 150 attendees. The Youth Commission will be helping the Lions Club with Breakfast with Santa event this year.

Clerk McCawley provided a Historic Preservation Commission report. The Depot continues to be open to the public on Saturday mornings. The Commission is working again on their historic plaque program and will be reaching out to local residents in historic homes to obtain their permission to put plaques at their homes. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## **VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Meyer attended a Chicago Southland Economic Development summit where she learned more about the South Suburban Airport bill. A copy of the bill was provided in the packet for review. This has been proposed before and being proposed again.

The results of the Joint TIF Board meeting held the previous week was provided.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion authorizing payment in the amount of \$57,000 to Dutch American Foods, Inc. as reimbursement per Ordinance #1312 from the TIF #1 Account, as reviewed by the Joint TIF Board at their meeting. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Fitness Premier is under new ownership and will be holding a grand re-opening on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. President Meyer is waiting to hear back as to whether they want the Village to be involved.

## **A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report of financial activity in the prior month. Treasurer Rooney was present and provided a report. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros read aloud bills added to the list since Friday. Administrator Barber requested adding a bill for Custom Brick and Stone in the amount of \$1,500 for brick work on the drive-thru of the Village Hall. No objections to adding the bill. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$254,971.08 (including the added \$1,500 bill to Custom Brick and Stone) and payrolls for the previous month. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

The IPBC quarterly dashboard report was provided in the packet for review. The Village has accumulated \$43,517 in terminal reserve in the self-funded plan.

The IMIC six-month financial report was provided in the packet for review. The 30-member cooperative has \$1,635,462 in unrestricted retained earnings.

## **B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gianotti made a motion authorizing the sale of 652 Penfield Street for \$10,000. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion authorizing retaining counsel of John Russell of Homewood to handle the closing of 652 Penfield Street. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Gianotti made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to sign any and all documents pertaining to the sale of 652 Penfield Street. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There was no update on the status of the Will County ARPA grant application for HVAC in the food stand in Firemen's Park.

An update on paving and sealcoating the asphalt paths in Firemen's Park was provided by Superintendent Conner. Paving is tentatively scheduled for the end of October. Sealcoating is not scheduled yet.

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Three signs showing the plans for the future site of the proposed public safety facility went up in the previous weeks.

**C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

**D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Police Department, EMA and Code Enforcement monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

A second draft of the Police Commission Ordinance was provided in the packet for review. Changes to the ordinance were discussed. The Attorney is currently reviewing.

The Police Station open house will be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Chief Lemming reported that Penfield from Woodward to Maxwell will be closed. This is being done in coordination with the Fire Department open house. Tours of the station as well as other activities will be conducted. He asked for help that evening.

Trick or treating will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Halloween. Police will have decorated squad cars.

Trustee Tieri reported on Fire Truck pull event at Fire Station on Sunday. Event was well attended.

Police Commission met last week. Trustee Tieri requested an executive session be held to consider hiring of a part-time Police officer.

Trustee Tieri reminded residents to lock their doors. There have been some cars stolen in town in the last couple of weeks.

**E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works, Water Department and Sewer Department monthly reports were provided in the packet for review.

A Gould Street watermain restoration update was provided. Restorations are being done and delineators at railroad tracks have been put back in.

A Penfield STP project update was provided. The IDOT pre-con meeting was held last Wednesday and the local pre-con meeting will be scheduled for November once the schedules are available so road closures and the routing of fire equipment, post office workers and the school buses can be discussed. Project is slated for a spring 2023 start.

It was reported that the IEPA has approved a permit for replacing the Miller Street watermain. The permit is good for two years.

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An update on curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement was provided by Superintendent Conner. Davis Concrete will tentatively begin middle to late next week.

An update on asphalt paving work was provided. Work has not yet been scheduled.

Leaf collection is set to begin the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, depending on when leaves begin to fall.

ORDINANCE #1381 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Beecher School District 200U relating to the installation of fiber optic lines in Village rights of way. Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve Ordinance #1381. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

**F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Clerk reported that the newsletter was forwarded to the printer that day. It should take a week to print so the anticipated mail date is now estimated at October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a report on the holiday tree lighting weekend planning meeting that was held. Tree lighting will be 4:30-7 p.m. and light parade will also be held that evening. Parade route is 1-1/2 times around the walking path, offering a \$300 cash prize. BHS band will perform at the event. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Commission will serve food. St. Paul’s is interested in serving hot cocoa. There will be picture backdrops and house decorating contest. Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce will decorate the large tree by the Depot. Women’s Club is also willing to help out.

A public safety facility referendum update was provided. Three informational videos have been posted online and the newsletter article on the proposed project will come out next week.

**G. OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**I. NEW BUSINESS** – None.

There being no further business to be discussed in regular session, Trustee Tieri made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. to consider a candidate for a part-time Police officer. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tieri made a motion to return to regular session at 7:42 p.m. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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Janett McCawley  
Village Clerk